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SUBJECT: SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION

1. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON SPC NEGOTIATED AT WELLINGTON IN FEBRUARY APPARENTLY NOT YET OPEN FOR SIGNING. DEPARTMENT IS INFORMED BY NZ EMBASSY THAT FRANCE AND NAURU HAVE STILL NOT INDICATED THEY ARE PREPARED TO SIGN, BUT THAT NO SUBSTANTIVE OBJECTIONS TO MEMORANDUM THOUGHT TO BE INVOLVED.

2. REQUEST THAT YOU CONFIRM WITH APPROPRIATE NZ OFFICIALS THAT MEMORANDUM STILL EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED PRIOR TO 14TH SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE, SCHEDULED FOR 25 SEPT TO 7 OCT.

3. THERE IS ALSO PERSONNEL MATTER WHICH DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE YOU TO TAKE UP WITH CHARLES CRAW, ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN DFA AND NZ SENIOR COMMISSIONER TO SPC. DR. FRANK MAHONY,
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AN AMERICAN, IS DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL PROGRAMS FOR SPC. HIS

REAPPOINTMENT IS TO BE CONSIDERED AT 14TH CONFERENCE, AND
WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF REAPPOINTMENT WOULD BE AC-
CEPTABLE TO NEW ZEALAND. DEPARTMENT THINKS HE HAS DONE GOOD
JOB, AND IS INCLINED TO SUPPORT MAHONY FOR REAPPOINTMENT,
BUT FINAL DECISION NOT YET MADE. FYI. IT IS BELIEVED FRENCH
AND AUSTRALIANS ARE OPPOSED TO MAHONY, ALTHOUGH BASIS OF
THEIR OPPOSITION NOT BELIEVED TO BE PERSUASIVE. IF CRAW HAS

SOME SPECIFIC COMPLAINTS AGAINST PERFORMANCE OF MAHONY,
WE WOULD WELCOME HIS SHARING THEM WITH US. END FYI.
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